

TERM-END PROGRAMS ARE READY

30 Graduate from New Hall Tonight

For 30 Torrance boys and girls tonight will be one of the climaxes of their lives. They will graduate from Torrance high school as members of the Winter class of 1939. They will also be the first group to receive diplomas in the new high school assembly hall, which still lacks the orchestra seats to complete its furnishings.

However, there will be accommodations for close to 900 people at the ceremonies which will begin at 8 o'clock this evening when the graduating class marches into the hall to De-Koven's processional music. Rev. E. W. Matz will give the invocation and the senior choir will sing two Negro spirituals, "Go Down Moses" and "The Old Ark's a-Moverin'."

Henry Pupkoff, retiring president of the student body, will speak on "The Twenty Thousand" and Patty Post will recount the accomplishments of the class. A violin solo by Walter Marek and another by Kiyoko Hasegawa will precede a short talk on "Mexican Civilization" by Pedro Pina. The Madrigal Singers are programmed for two songs, "The Silver Swan" and "Grandfather's Clock."

Miss Irene Mills is to present the scholarship honors and Miss Eva Jones will announce the winner of the George Arakawa Cup for student leadership. Marian Spehner will make the presentation of the class gift which John Gansley will introduce the graduating group to Principal Thomas Elson who is to award the diplomas.

Gansley is president of the class of W39. Joe Miles, vice-president; Georgina Tiffany, secretary; Harvey Abramson, treasurer; and Miss Adeline Chase and Miss Eva Jones are the class sponsors.

JUNIOR HIGH TO ADVANCE 63 HERE
With an all-student program, members of the Torrance Junior high school A9 class will be advanced to senior high school status tomorrow, Friday, morning at the new high school assembly hall here. There are 63 students in this group.

The term-end program will open with selections by the school orchestra and the Junior choir will sing "Beautiful Savior," a Crusaders' song; "Cherubim" and the Alma Mater song. Ernest Banks is to recount the class accomplishments and the Treble Clef club will sing an English 17th Century air, "The Cobbler's Jig" and "A Celtic Lullaby."

James A. Scott, representing the local American Legion post, is scheduled to present the Legion awards to the outstanding boy and girl members of the class. George Piper will play a piano solo, "Dark Eyes" and Dick Leech, class president, is to make the presentation of the class to Principal Thomas Elson who will issue the certificates of advancement to senior high school.

63 TO ADVANCE AT NARBONNE HIGH SCHOOL
Junior high commencement exercises at Narbonne high school will be held tomorrow, Friday, at 1:30 p. m. Admission will be by ticket only. Bill Gibson will be in charge.

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Juniors Proud of New Prexy



Torrance Herald Photo. **GEORGIA BILLINGSLEY**... class writes her story

This week an attractive young lady with sparkling brown eyes became president of the Junior high school student body. The following story concerning Georgia was written by members of her B9 class:

"The Junior student body of Torrance high is proud of their new president, a girl. Do you blame them?"
"They should be highly honored that such an outstanding student as Georgia Billingsley has accepted the high office for which she was chosen. Georgia has a wonderful personality. She will help anybody, any time, anywhere, if it is honorable."
"Incidentally 13 seems to be a lucky number for Georgia. She won the election on Friday, the 13th, by 13 votes."

"We are confident that Georgia will succeed in her plans to make our auditorium calls more interesting by using more of the students' and teachers' talents; and for the Student Body to show a little more courtesy for the speaker by making a little less noise."

"The Junior Student Body also want to show our appreciation to Virginia Hall and Charles Stanley for their fine sportsmanship in losing the position of Junior High Student Body President to Georgia Billingsley."

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Former Lomita Constable Dies 'With Boots On'

Former Lomita Constable William I. "Bilby" Hamblin died last Thursday the way he had always wished—with his boots on.

The 72-year-old retired peace officer was found sprawled on the kitchen floor of his home in Azusa by a neighbor. His death was attributed to a heart failure after a prolonged illness.

He was the oldest constable in point of service and age in the county at the time of his retirement in Lomita in 1934. He had served 38 years and was the proud owner of badge No. 1. Mr. Hamblin was first elected to office in Azusa in 1906 and served under the administrations of seven Los Angeles county sheriffs.

When he retired as a deputy constable in Lomita Nov. 1, 1934, he was the first man to be placed on county officers' pension list. He replaced William Neff at the Lomita post when Neff resigned.

Two Teachers Leave Narbonne

Two Narbonne high school instructors will transfer to other schools with the start of the second semester Monday and replacements will teach in different divisions of the school to slightly alter the curriculum, according to Principal John L. Abbott.

Florence Murphy of the social studies department has been promoted to registrar of Huntington Park high school and will be replaced at the Lomita school by Rachel Elizabeth Thomas, now teaching at Mount Vernon.

Margaret McSurry, journalism teacher, will transfer to Venice high school where Miss Clementina de F. Griffin, former Narbonne principal, is in charge. Stanley Coombs will take over the journalism work, Abbott said.

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JOB INSURANCE SIMPLIFIED

Two weeks waiting period, not four—
One year's earnings considered in computing benefits, not two—
Weekly benefits determined by earnings in highest quarter of year, not average of all quarters—

These are the principal changes in the state job insurance law, just amended by the legislature and signed by Governor Culbert L. Olson (Assembly Bill 963, Amendment to the Unemployment Reserves Act), which took effect Monday as an urgency measure.

If you are subject to job insurance and out of work you now have to wait two weeks less, and save considerable red tape in figuring your claim for benefits, if you filed Jan. 30 or later.

The weekly benefit check is still unchanged—\$7 minimum and \$15 maximum. The law still applies to employers of four or more employees in business, commerce and industry; agriculture and domestic service and a few special occupations are still exempt.

Employees who quit without cause or who are discharged for misconduct still have a doubled waiting period, although that period is only half the former one. Those who leave work because of trade disputes or who refuse suitable employment are not entitled to any benefits, just as under the former law.

And the total amount of benefits payable in any 52 weeks is still \$300.

Unemployed workers insured under the law should apply at the Department of Employment office at 1927 Carson street and seek work too, as those offices are also known as the California State Employment offices.

Water Geyser Erupts on 220th Street

Youngsters on their way along 220th street to Torrance elementary school saw their first geyser yesterday morning.

Spurting thru the pavement and tossing a plume of water more than 50 feet into the air, the eruption strongly resembled the famed wonders of Yellowstone National Park. The scene was a few feet off the alley on 220th between Arlington and Gramercy avenues.

After an eruption of nearly 45 minutes the geyser succumbed to municipal water department workers' efforts to shut it off. Then it was found that a section of the main trunk line had given way under the pressure of water sent thru the pipes direct from the city pumping plant.

Pavement Torn Out
William H. Stanger, superintendent of the municipal water department, established that the geyser erupted more than 500 gallons to the minute. About five different valves had to be closed before a complete shut-off was effected.

"Because the storage tank is being repainted, we are sending water directly into the mains from the pumping plant," Stanger said at the scene of the eruption. "Evidently the line had a weak spot which gave way under the high pressure."

The water tore a hole about four feet in diameter thru the pavement and flung a shower of rocks and mud for a distance of about 75 feet from the outlet.

Wooldridge Writes
Kindness is a language the deaf can hear and the dumb can speak.

Students Get New Leader

Beginning with the second semester, Arthur Woodcock, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Woodcock of 1218 Amatola, will become president of the Torrance high school student body. He will succeed Henry Pupkoff, who graduates tonight.

Young Woodcock started his Torrance schooling in the eighth grade, coming here from Denver, Colo. He is a member of the Varsity club, won his letter in basketball this year, belongs to the Scholarship Society, Key club, Safety commission, is president of the Senior B class and chairman of the Vocational Guidance committee.

He says he hopes to go on to college or university when he graduates from high school.

OCEAN PARK THREATENS SECESSION

Sudden sentiment for decentralization of local government today had spread from the fringes of the city of Los Angeles to Santa Monica, with Ocean Park threatening to secede from the bay city and take with it the highly assessed Douglas Aircraft property.

A vigorous campaign for "independence" from Los Angeles has been under way in Venice district for several days, with the Venice Democratic club beating the drum.

and a replacement teacher, Norman Noonan of Mount Vernon will be added to the Narbonne science department.

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Torrance Herald Photo. **W. C. LEATHERMAN and RAY SCHUMACHER**... trained men in own business venture

"Business is good but we are going to make it better if good products, attentive service and friendliness can do it," Wendell C. Leatherman and Roy Schumacher declared this week at their Rio Grande service station, corner of Cravens avenue and Torrance boulevard.

These young men, graduates of Torrance high school and residents here for the past 19 years, have been accepted by Rio Grande to represent the well-known oil and gasoline concern C. Leatherman and Roy Schumacher declared this week at their Rio Grande service station, corner of Cravens avenue and Torrance boulevard.

Veteran County Official Ends 21 Years' Service

With an official career covering more than 36 years, one of the county's best known public figures, Herbert D. Alfonso, better known to his many friends as Captain Alfonso, retired Feb. 1 from the position of Chief Deputy Tax Collector.

Captain Alfonso entered county service Jan. 3, 1903, as a clerk under former Tax Collector W. O. Welch. In 1910 he was appointed Chief Deputy and continued in this position until 1934 when, after Welch's death he was appointed to the position of Tax Collector. An amendment to the county charter, adopted by the voters in that year provided for the consolidation of the offices of Treasurer and Tax Collector, and as a result County Treasurer Howard L. Byram assumed the duties of Tax Collector. In January 1935 Captain Alfonso resumed his position of Chief Deputy, which post he will vacate on retirement. Though eligible for retirement for several years, he had been retained in his position at the request of the Tax Collector.

The growth of Los Angeles county during Alfonso's service is reflected in the expansion of activities of the Tax Collector's department. In 1903 the tax office occupied small quarters in the old Court House, had a personnel of 16 and collected yearly \$10,000.00 in licenses and approximately \$5,000,000.00 in taxes, computed on an assessed valuation of \$169,226,936.00. Today, the Tax Collector occupies the entire third floor of the Hall of Justice, employs 170 regular clerks and a like number of seasonal employees, collects annually more than \$110,000,000.00 in taxes, computed on an assessed valuation of \$2,438,575,600.00 in addition to license collections of \$157,000.00.

RECORD CONSUMPTION
California motorists used more gasoline during 1938 than in any other like period in the history of the state.

Seek Time Limit for Cashing Relief Checks
Recommendation that the county auditor notify the superintendent of charities when relief checks are not cashed within 60 days, made by the grand jury, has been approved by Roger Jessup, chairman of the board of supervisors.

The grand jury reported that a number of welfare warrants outstanding last June were found to have been issued months previously, some as long as 11 months. Some checks had been issued after the client had died or disappeared.

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